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| Latham, Winchester E. |) | Examiner Bomar, Thomas S. |
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| BIT SUPPORT |) | |
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DISCLOSURE OF PRIOR ART UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.56

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Sir:

In connection with the examination of the above-identified application, the
applicants, through the subscribing attorney, hereby invite the Examiner's attention to the
enclosed list of prior art.

Latham
Replaceable Wear Surface for Bit Support
Serial No. 10/614,145

While the attached list of prior art is believed to include the closest prior art of which the applicant is presently aware, the applicant does not represent that any search for prior art has necessarily been made nor that no better prior art exists. For the convenience of the Examiner, a copy of each piece of prior art listed is attached hereto. All the listed prior art is in the English language and therefore no explanation of its relevance is believed to be necessary.

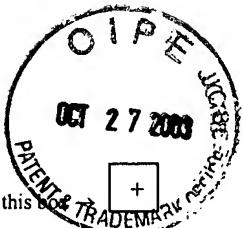
The Examiner is requested to consider the listed prior art when evaluating the patentability of the invention claimed in the present application.

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